(c) by when the decision to restart disinvestments is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) In July, 2006, the Prime Minister decided to keep all disinvestment decisions and proposals on hold, pending further review. This decision was taken in the context of representations from some concerns expressed about the process of disinvestment in some Public Sector Enterprises.

(c) The aforementioned review is yet to be completed. At present, it is not possible to indicate any time-frame for completion of the said review. However, the three power companies, *viz.* Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. (REC), Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) and National Hydo-electric Power Corporation Ltd. (NHPC), proposed to make Initial Public Offer (IPO) of equity equal to 10% each of their pre-issue paid up equity capital. Government decided in February, 2007 to piggy back with an 'Offer for Sale' of 10%, 5% and 5% respectively out of its shareholding. PGCIL issue was completed in October 2007. The Initial Public Offering (IPO) of REC opened for subscription on 19th February, 2008 with closing date of 22nd February, 2008. Government has also decided to disinvest, a small portion of equity, out of its shareholding, in Oil India Ltd. and RITES Ltd. along with the fresh issue of equity capital.

Growth rate of GDP

49. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of India recorded during the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and till December 2007-08, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact the GDP growth rate of some States in the country is very low in comparison to other States;

(c) if so, the details of such States which are not able to come up to expected All-India growth rate of 9-10 per cent GDP;

(d) whether Government is also aware that the GDP rate has reportedly declined in first quarter of the financial year 2007-08 in comparison to year 2006-07; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at Factor Cost at constant (1999-2000) prices is given below:

Year	Percentage Change over previous year
2005-06	9.4
2006-07	9.6
2007-08	8.7

SOURCE: Central Statistical Organisation

(b) and (c) The estimate of Gross State Domestic Product are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The growth of GDP in the first Quarter of 2007-08 is 9.3 per cent as compared to 9.6 per cent during the same period last year. The decline is mainly accounted for by decline in the growth rate of (i) community, social & personal service, (ii) mining & quarrying, (iii) manufacturing and (iv) trade, hotel transport & communication.

Statement

Gross State Domestic Product
(At constant prices)

(As on 14.02.08)

Total GSDP Percentage Growth

Sl.No.	State/UT	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7.0	8.7	8.9
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	12.2	4.3	na
3.	Assam	5.1	6.0	7.6
4.	Bihar	11.0	0.1	16.0
5.	Jharkhand	26.9	6.7	6.8
6.	Goa	10.2	6.4	na
7.	Gujarat	7.4	12.2	na
8.	Haryana	9.1	9.2	11.4
9.	Himachal Pradesh	7.6	8.5	9.3
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	5.2	na	na
11.	Karnataka	10.7	7.8	na
12.	Kerala	8.0	7.3	8.1
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3.6	4.2	4.2
14.	Chhattisgarh	8.7	12.3	na
15.	Maharashtra	8.3	9.2	na
16.	Manipur	24.4	10.8	11.1
17.	Meghalaya	6.5	5.4	5.7
18.	Mizoram	4.2	7.1	7.6
19.	Nagaland	6.6	na	na
20.	Orissa	12.6	6.3	9.4
21.	Punjab	5.2	5.5	6.3
22.	Rajasthan	-2.7	2.1	6.8
23.	Sikkim	7.8	8.0	8.2
24.	Tamil Nadu	11.2	7.4	7.4
25.	Tripura	8.1	8.3	na
26.	Uttar Pradesh	4.2	5.6	7.5
27.	Uttaranchal	7.8	10.3	na

1	2	3	4	5
28.	West Bengal	6.6	8.1	na
29.	A & N Islands	-4.2	10.8	na
30.	Chandigarh	13.3	13.5	na
31.	Delhi	10.3	9.2	na
32.	Pondicherry	-10.7	6.2	7.4
	ALL INDIA:	7.5	9.4	9.6

NA - not available

SOURCE: Central Statistical Organisation.

Tribal farmers with Kisan Credit Cards

50. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal farmers having Kisan Credit Cards in Jharkhand district-wise and block-wise;

(b) the percentage of tribal farmers that have Kisan Credit Cards;

(c) by when all tribal farmers will have Kisan Credit Cards; and

(d) the total amount for tribal Kisan Credit Cards in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) The Date reporting system of NABARD, which is the Nodal Agency for implementation of Kisan Credit Card (KCC), does not collect the requisite information, in the manner asked for.

During the year 2007-08 (till November 30, 2007) a total of 32,495 KCCs have been issued with the sanctioned amount of Rs. 358 lakh. As on November 30, 2007, since inception, a total of 7,46,967 KCCs have been issued in the State of Jharkhand, having a sanctioned amount of Rs. 1,21,550 lakh (all data provisional).

Relief to farmers

51. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to announce relief to the farmers who are suffering under the burden of mounting loans;

(b) if so, whether the banks would be directed to waive loans to small farmers;

(c) if so, how many farmers are expected to be benefited from the such initiative; and

(d) the details of the total outlays that would be earmarked for the purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) The Government had appointed an Expert Group on Agricultural Indebtedness under the Chairmanship of Prof. R. Radhakrishna. The Expert